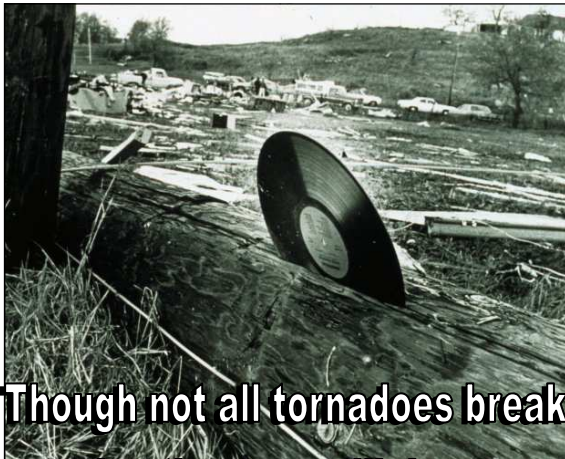


# BE PREPARED SURVIVAL IS NO ACCIDENT

Have a plan and *practice*:  
Make sure you and your loved ones know where you will go in the event of a tornado and have a tornado drill once a year

Have mattresses and thick blankets on hand in your shelter:  
**FLYING DEBRIS ARE THE #1 CAUSE OF TORNADO-RELATED FATALITIES**

For more safety tips visit:  
<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/safety.html>



Though not all tornadoes break records...they are still dangerous!

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# DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN



## Fall Severe Weather Preparedness Guide

# TORNADOES CAN OCCUR IN ANY SEASON

## **STARTLING FACTS:**

Since 2001, 54% of severe tornadoes (EF3 and stronger) in our area have occurred in October or November

Since 2001, **every** tornado-related fatality in the area has occurred in October or November

While late spring and summer are considered “peak” tornado season, tornadoes **CAN** and **DO** develop at *any* time of the year, particularly in the fall



Van Wert, OH: Aftermath of a November 10, 2002 tornado. That day, tornadoes across western Ohio claimed 4 lives.

# STAY ALERT WITH NOAA ALL HAZARDS WEATHER RADIO

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# WHAT TO DO IF A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA OR YOU SEE A TORNADO

## ***If at all possible:***

Go to the basement or an interior room of a permanent building, no matter where you are

## ***If you are in a car and the tornado is far away from you:***

Determine which direction the storm is moving and drive out of its path



Nappanee, IN: Aftermath of an October 18, 2007 tornado.

## ***If you are in a mobile home or car close to a tornado:***

Get Out. If you can't find a permanent building, you are safer outside laying in a ditch or low-lying area with your arms covering your head